

JOHN PIPER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 391.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of John Piper, of New York, report :*

That it appears, from documents and other evidence submitted to the committee, that John Piper, now a lunatic, was a private in the company of Captain Warner Folts, in the 40th regiment of Massachusetts militia, commanded by Colonel Mathew Myers, in the war of 1812. That during his service he was taken with the dysentery and camp fever, which said sickness continued until he was unfit for service, in consequence of which he was honorably discharged before the expiration of the term of his enlistment. That after his return home he continued ill for some time with the fever contracted whilst in the army, and that on the recovery of his bodily health it left him in a state of insanity, from which he has never recovered. That insanity was produced by the sickness contracted in the army.

The facts set forth are sustained by the sworn affidavits of numerous persons who were in the service with him and have known him intimately since.

Two reputable physicians testify as to the character of the disease and to the fact that he is now insane. The Hon. F. E. Spinner, a member of this House, certifies to most of the material facts. The application for pension is made by Delos M. Kenyon, who is the legally constituted guardian of John Piper.

Your committee think him entitled to relief, and therefore report a bill granting him a pension.

